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## THE VIRGINIA EDITORS

The members of the Virginia Press Association, now in session at Old Point, selected an auspicious time to visit the famous resort, whose name is synonymous with health and vigor and over which cool and salubrious breezes from Father Neptune's domain are wafted in defiance of Old S.A.

Their visit is opportune at this juncture, because in the grim ramparts of Fort Monroe they will read a new chapter in American history, while a glance at the little band of volunteers camped just outside of the garrison, awaiting the call to the front, will bring them in closer touch with the stirring scenes now being enacted in a foreign land to the honor and glory of the republic.

By coming to Newport News, as all of them will doubtless do, they can see the greatest shipyard in America, which is now constructing three first-class battleships for Uncle Sam's navy and which recently has been rushed to its utmost capacity in placing other vessels in fighting trim.

We welcome the Virginia editors to this section not only because of the fellow feeling which binds all quill drivers in the bonds of fellowship, but because they are men of ready perception and good judgment who will see in the development of the Peninsula, and especially Newport News—Virginia's youngest city—evidences of progress and prosperity that will cause them to feel even greater pride in the grand old commonwealth.

We trust that nothing will occur to mar the pleasure of the overworked and underpaid editors in their brief outing and hope that when they return to their sanctuaries they will carry with them delightful impressions of their trip.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYERS.

Blood will tell, but for all that, nature makes all mankind kin, and, according to the religion that is preached in the churches of the country, peace and good will towards men is one of the chief objects. Why, then, thanks were offered in those churches Sunday for the slaughter and suffering of the Spaniards, one of the oldest Christian nations, is what certainly the unprejudiced cannot tell. Alexandria Gazette.

Then the ungenerous must be natural born fools. If our esteemed contemporary would look back a little it would discover that few of the Christian people of the country indulged in the cry for war. As a matter of fact, the influence of the church was thrown against unheating the sword until it was found impossible to settle the question at issue peacefully. Then, as patriotic citizens of the United States, the Christians as well as a great majority of the unregenerates bowed to the inevitable and proceeded to uphold the government in its righteous stand. As is quite natural, some of the members of the church believe that there is a supreme being who holds the destinies of the nations of the world in

his omnipotent hand. They also believe that this great being favors the American republic. A brief glance at the history of the country would at least seem to furnish some reason for this belief. It is difficult to see, then, why a prayer of thanksgiving should be either wrong or inconsistent. The American government is not fighting the Spaniards as individuals or simply for the love of inflicting pain, but circumstances ever which it had no control has made it an instrument in the hands of progress to remove an obstacle from the path of civilization. The thanks were for favors and blessings bestowed on the American cause and not for the punishment, inflicted on Spain. There are two sides to every question, save to the man who perverts and ignorantly refuses to see only one.

If our esteemed contemporary would stop sneering at the American cause long enough to study the Scriptures a little, it would discover that a righteous war is not incompatible with the tenets of Christianity. As a matter of fact, the founder of the Christian religion himself said: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword."

From a cursory view of the matter it seems that the Danish authorities at St. Thomas are right in refusing to allow the United States warships to take coal away from the islands. Denmark has proclaimed neutrality in the present contest between Spain and the United States. There seems to be no doubt that she has maintained a proper attitude in dealing with the Spaniards. It would be both unnecessary and wrong to expect her to violate the neutrality laws to accommodate Uncle Sam. It is a very poor rule that won't work both ways. If it be true that threats were made to use force in removing the fuel the consul who took this unwise step should be recalled. A man so indiscreet as to attempt to force a friendly nation into violating international laws has no business representing the government of the United States.

Mr. Aguinaldo's head expansion seems to be overlapping his ability department. If things run on at the present rate it is probable that there will not be room enough in the Philippines for both Dewey's fleet and Aguinaldo's cranium. It is to be hoped, however, that the situation will not reach such a desperate pass, for in that event it is "dollars to doughnuts" that the insurgent leader would find it necessary to get out a revised opinion of himself.

As a last resort Spain might send her torpedoes over to fight us, assuming, of course, that they are now willing to advance us a few points beyond the pig class.

The Alabama voters have simply followed the example of a number of patriotic business men, whose clerks went to the front, in holding "Fighting Joe" Wheeler's job open for him.

## MAN WHO WROTE "DIXIE."

Dan Emmett Lives to See the North and South Sing His Song Together.  
Perhaps very few people know that Dan Emmett, who wrote "Dixie," is still living.

His home is in Mount Vernon, O., where he was born and where he hopes to end his days. The old man is a picturesque figure on the streets of the town. In his prime he was one of the mid-century dandies of New York city, but now, with calm indifference to the conventional, he usually carries a long staff and wears his coat fastened in at the waist by a bit of rope.

His home is a little cottage on the edge of the town, where he lives entirely alone. On almost any warm afternoon he can be found seated before his door reading, but he is ready enough to talk with the chance visitor, whose curiosity to meet the composer of one of the national songs of America has brought him out from town. It was this curiosity that took me to the cottage. The old composer was seated in the shade by his house with a book open before him. As I went up the path I said, for I had some doubt in my own mind:

"Are you Dan Emmett, who wrote 'Dixie'?"  
"Well, I have heard of the fellow; all down," and he motioned to the steps.

"Won't you tell me how the song was written?"  
"Like most everything else I ever did, because I had to. One Saturday night, in 1859, I was leaving Bryant's theatre, where I was playing, Bryant called after me. 'I want a walk-around for Monday, Dan.'"

"The next day it rained and I stayed indoors. At first when I went at the song I couldn't get anything. But a line, 'I wish I was in Dixie,' kept repeating itself in my mind, and I finally took it for my start. The rest wasn't long in coming. And that's the story of how 'Dixie' was written."

"I made a hit at once, and before the end of the week everybody in New York was whistling it. Then the South took it up and claimed it for its own. I sold the copyright for \$500, which was all I ever made from it. I'll show you my first copy." He went into the house and returned in a moment with a yellow, worn-looking manuscript in his hand.

"That's 'Dixie,'" he said. "I am going to give it to some historical society in the South one of these days. I for, though I was born here in Ohio, I count myself a Southerner, as my father was a Virginian."

Half a century ago Emmett was a famous minstrel. Those were the balmy days of burnt cork and Bryant's theatre on lower Broadway was one of the most popular resorts in New York city. Emmett was born in 1815, at Mount Vernon, coming of a family, all of whose members had a local reputation—still traditional in the county—as musicians. In his own case this talent was but little less than a crude and undeveloped sort of genius.

"How so situated are they? 'I wish I was in Dixie,' kept repeating itself in my mind, and I finally took it for my start. The rest wasn't long in coming. And that's the story of how 'Dixie' was written."

## Heiress of Robert Morris.

Mrs. Catherine Snyder, of Warsaw, Indiana, has been proved the rightful heir of Robert Morris, the Revolutionary financier.

Every schoolboy has read of Robert Morris and of his patriotic acts during the war for American independence. Besides obtaining large sums from other sources, the patriot loaned to the Continental Congress a large part of his private fortune. The records show these loans to have aggregated about \$100,000.

The interest for over a century has swelled this sum to upward of one million dollars. This sum, it is expected, will be paid to Mrs. Snyder, who is probably the sole heir.

Although Government officials have kept a discreet silence respecting this matter, an investigation has been in progress for years. It was known that Robert Morris had a number of children, that all died without issue except James Morris, and that after considerable trouble a son was traced to Middletown, O., where he died about twenty years ago.

His demise left his two children—a boy of two and a girl of five years—orphans. The boy was adopted by a family which later went to Western Kansas or Nebraska, and which cannot be traced.

Mrs. Snyder is about seventy-five years of age. She was born in Middletown, O., and was early left an orphan. She was adopted by a neighbor, one John Snyder, who removed to Warsaw County. Here his adopted daughter grew up almost ignorant of her lineage, Snyder himself being an ignorant man.

Mrs. Snyder is a quiet, kindly, unassuming old lady, an earnest Christian and accustomed to habits of frugality. Since the publication of the news of her luck the mails have been flooded with letters, mostly from beggars, though one or two contained offers of

## Fragrant Bath Water.

Have the cook save all the lemon skins, after she has made her pick and jellies, and put them into the water pitcher on the wash-stand. The result is fragrant toilet water, which is beneficial to the skin. Several slices of lemon in the bath are very good. Care must be taken to remove the seeds, else the plumbing will be injured.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOUND—Abundant (terrier dog). Owner can have same by calling at 234 Tenth street and paying for this ad. ju 12-21

WANTED—A position by a white girl to do general house work. Apply at 2802 Lafayette avenue. ju 12-14

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WANTED—TWO ROOMS BY MARRIED couple without children. Address "Rooms," care Daily Press, stating terms and location. jy10-21

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE FRONT rooms with board. Apply No. 111 Thirtieth street. ju12-1m

WANTED—BOY WHO HAS SOME knowledge of the printing business. Apply at Daily Press office. tf.

MRS. E. C. McCULLOCH, 341 Twenty-sixth street, wishes boarders and lodgers. A large, spacious house, with hot and cold water bath. Rates very reasonable. ju 21-1m-p

## Wanted—Boarders.

BY MRS. M. E. DOSWELL, No. 105 27th Street.  
First class table and pleasant rooms. Terms reasonable. ju 13-6m

## Proposals.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Architect's Office until 4 P. M. Monday, the 25th day of July, 1898, for the erection of a three-story brick hotel. Plans may be seen at the office of Wm. B. Hill, architect, 135 Twenty-fifth street and at the public house of Hoffman Bros., Thirty-fourth street and Lafayette avenue. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved by the owners.

HOFFMAN BROS., Thirty-fourth St. and Lafayette Ave., Newport News, Va. ju. 9-2-w

## Madam Amee.

The celebrated Spiritual, Trance and Business Medium, has just arrived from the Klondike gold fields. She reads life from the cradle to the grave with absolute correctness. Tells you everything you wish to know. All in trouble are especially invited to call. Rooms 325 24th street, opposite Warwick Iron Works. ju 11-21

## Bids Wanted.

Plans and specifications for school buildings for the city of Newport News may be seen at office of P. Thornton Mayne, architect, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Bids are invited on same to be received by the Clerk of the Board of School Trustees to 6 P. M., July 21. The right is reserved by the board to reject any or all bids.

W. B. BARRETT, Clerk School Board.

## M. H. TUCK.

The Veterinary Horse Shoer  
Your horse's sick, click of Tuck, the shoer, will stop it. First-class shoeing. I am here to stay. Shop at Twenty-seventh street and Warwick avenue, Phillips & Benson's old coal yard. ju 12-3m.

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EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DISEASES  
Office hours: 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; 2:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. M. Sun. days, 9:00 to 11:00 A. M. Rooms, first floor First National Bank, 28th street and Washington avenue, Newport News, Va. ju 20-6m.

## Bricks! Bricks!

150,000  
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All who march, walk or stand, should shake into their shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures aching, tired, sore, swollen feet, and makes tight or new shoes easy. It absorbs moisture, and prevents chafing, hot, smarting, blistered, sweating feet. All the regular Volunteers in hot climates can't exist in comfort without it. Allen's Foot-Ease is sold by all druggists and shoe stores. 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Umsted, Le Roy, N.Y. June 25-3m

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At prices that would surprise the makers!

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\$14.38 for suits that were \$18.00.

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\$9.98 for suits that were \$12.50.

\$7.98 for suits that were \$10.00.

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\$5.98 for suits that were \$7.50.

These low prices will prevail throughout the entire season until the stock is closed out.

Special sale in Hats.

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Bargain day here is every day in the week.

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Newport News Gas Company,

W. S. BOWEN, Supt.

## An Absolute Mid-Summer

## Clearance Sale

To clear our stock is our desire—from store-opening until store-closing we shall let bargains fly often and quickly. The clearance of our stock is our first thought; the price second.

## Silk Offerings.

China Silk, new and handsome shades. Clearing Price, per yard, 39c

Fancy Figured Silks, Clearing Price, per yard, 25c

75c. Fancy Plaid Silks Clearance Price, per yard, 59c

## DRESS GOODS

Black Silk and Wool Henrietta. 56 inches wide, worth \$1.25, Clearing Price, per yard, 85c

50c. quality Black Mohair, Clearing Price, per yard, 39c

50c. Black Figured Mohair, Clearing Price, per yard, 39c

All our 50c. Figured Dress Goods, Plaids and Brocades, Clearing Price, per yard, 39c

All our 25c. Dress Goods, Clearing Price, per yard, 9c

All our 15c. Dress Goods, Clearing Price, per yard, 9c

## Dry Goods Bargains.

Sc. Dress Gingham, Clearing Price, per yard, 5c

10 and 12 1/2c. Dress Gingham, Clearing Price, per yard, 7c

Fancy and Plaid Calicoes, Sc. value, Clearing Price, per yard, 4c

Light Calicoes, Clearing Price, per yard, 3 1/2c

Yard wide Percales, Clearing Price, per yard, 5 1/2c

Sc. Lancaster Apron Gingham, Clearing Price, per yard, 5c

Solid color Lawns—Pink, Blue, Lavender and Black—Clearing Price, per yard, 8c

## Capital Dry Goods House

2610 Washington Avenue.

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THE BUCKROE BEACH HOTEL

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For terms apply to

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apr 21-6m.

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There are many people in Newport News also who can't get bread to suit their taste because they don't know that we make the purest and most delicious bread stuffs in Newport News. We also make the richest and finest pastry, fancy cakes, wedding cakes, loaf cakes and macaroons to be found anywhere. We cater to the most fastidious palate and never fail to please our patrons.

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ALL NEURALGIC PAINS—Falling Star, by Anna or other famous and famous. They quickly and surely relieve neuralgia, sciatica, rheumatism, toothache, headache, and all other pains of the face, head, and limbs. It is a most valuable remedy for all these ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all these ailments. It is a most valuable remedy for all these ailments.

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